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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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ENERGY

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO ITS TARIFF TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASE IN RATES AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and N.J.S.A. 48:2-21.1 AND FOR OTHER APPROPRIATE RELIEF

) ORDER SUSPENDING INCREASES
) CHANGES OR ALTERATIONS IN
) RATES AND CHARGES
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(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD:

On August 14, 2009, Atlantic City Electric Company ("Petitioner" or "ACE"), a public utility of the State of New Jersey subject to the jurisdiction of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board"), filed a petition pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and N.J.S.A. 48:2-21.1 for approval of an increase in its electric base rates of approximately 4% to be effective for electric service provided on or after September 14, 2009, as well as for certain other tariff changes. According to the petition, the primary reasons for the requested increase are increased operating expenses, increased infrastructure investment and a diminished return on that investment.

It appearing that the proposed revisions, if approved, will increase existing rates and change or alter existing classifications in Petitioner's tariff, it is HEREBY ORDERED that:

- (1) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 (d), the proposed revisions be and are suspended until January 14, 2010
- (2) Petitioner shall, at least ten (10) days prior to the date set for hearing on the petition by the Office of Administrative Law, file with this Board and with the Office of Administrative Law (33 Washington Street, Newark, NJ 07102) proof of compliance with the notice provisions of N.J.S.A. 48:2-32.2 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12 (b) and (c), which notice shall include a statement that any relief found by the Board to be just and reasonable may be allocated by the Board to any class or classes of customers on any rate or schedule as the Board may determine; and

(3) Petitioner shall, at the same time it files with the Board, also file proof of service of copies of this Order upon the Office of Administrative Law, the Department of the Public Advocate, Division of the Rate Counsel (31 Clinton Street, P.O. Box 46005, Newark, NJ 07102), the clerks of each affected municipality, the clerks of the Boards of Chosen Freeholders of each affected County, and where appropriate, the executive officer of each affected County within its service area. Service of the petition, notice of hearings and this Suspension Order may be made simultaneously.

DATED

9/16/09

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES BY:

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ATTEST:

KRISTI IZZO SECRETARY

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within document is a true copy of the original in the files of the Board of Public

Utilities

I/M/O the Petition of Atlantic City Electric Company For Approval Of Amendments To Its Tariff To Provide For An Increase In Rates And Charges For Electric Service, Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and N.J.S.A. 48:2-21.1 And For Other Appropriate Relief

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